Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) For want of funds, the Government was not able to accept the proposal of the Committee. Now that a bridge has been constructed over the Tevara canal, the question of metalling the road would be considered.

(d) The Government is aware of its existence. The cost would be about Rs. 6,000.

(e) The work will be taken up as soon as funds permit.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the Government would undertake part of the work in the coming financial year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say that definitely now. The budget for the next year is under preparation. It would be possible only if we can find money.

President.—The question is one of funds. He is not denying the necessity.

The transfer of State buildings from the charge of the Revenue Department.

420. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any buildings owned by the State have recently been transferred from the charge of the Revenue Department to that of any other department, and if so, to what department;

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what are the buildings so transferred and the reasons for the transfer;

(c) whether those buildings referred to in (a) have been built out of State funds or of any other funds, particularising in the latter case, the funds utilised?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes, to the Devaswam Department.

(b) The buildings transferred are all Palaces.

(c) These buildings were constructed out of State funds.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is this new department to which these buildings are transferred a State department?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Have all subjects of His Highness equal admission into that department?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Is that a supplementary question, Sir?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it a department into whose service all subjects of His Highness have equal admission?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No.

President.—I wanted to be clear whether it is a supplementary question. As soon as the question was put, you have answered it.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Not that *I* could not answer it.

President.—Now, I need not decide whether it is a supplementary question, as the answer has already been given.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—According to Rule 7 (b) of the Cochin Legislative Council Rules, such questions should not be asked.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I asked a question about the buildings transferred from one department to another, and I have some more questions about it.

President.—You have got the answer now.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are not the funds of the department, to which these buildings are transferred, kept separately?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—If that is a supplementary question, I shall answer.

President.—Yes, it is a supplementary question.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The funds are kept separate.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is not that service treated as foreign service by the Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Under *the Cochin Service Regulations*, it is treated so.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is there any service in the State apart from this foreign service to which these buildings can be transferred?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, it can be transferred to the D. P. W. But this is now done for administrative convenience.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what are the reasons for the transfer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Administrative convenience.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I should like to know the reasons for the transfer. Shall I get any other reason which is not so vague as that?

President.—Is it vague?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—It is very vague.

President.—I think it is as clear as day light.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That is from a different standpoint.

President.—My standpoint may be different from yours.

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